

Patent Application No. 09/338,035

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2005. In the Office Action, claims 1, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 USC §112 and claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 USC §103. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8 and 9 are amended. Currently pending claims 1-18 are believed allowable, with claims 1, 8, 9, 11, and 15 being independent claims.

Claims 1, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite. The Examiner objects to the phrase "tasks of the same type" because only "tasks of different types" have been defined. The Examiner also objects to the phrase "the same task type" as lacking antecedent basis.

In response, the Applicant amends claims 1, 8 and 9 herein by replacing the phrase "tasks of different types" with the phrase "tasks of various types" to more clearly point out that processing tasks include tasks of different and same type.


Furthermore, the phrase "the tasks of the same type" is replaced with the phrase "tasks of same type", thereby providing antecedent basis to this claim element.

The amendments to claims 1, 8 and 9 are made to place these claims in better form for appeal. The Applicant respectfully submits that the scope of the claims has not changed by this amendment and no new matter has been introduced to the present Application. Therefore, the Applicant earnestly solicits approval of these claim amendments.

No fee is believed due with this Amendment, however, should a fee be required please charge Deposit Account 50-0510. Should any extensions of time be required, please consider this a petition thereof and charge Deposit Account 50-0510 the required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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